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FROM : Amembassy PHNOM PENH

SUBJECT: Third Anniversary Proclamation of Khmer Krom Liberation Front

REF: A-104 of August 27, 1962; A-39 of July 16, 1963

Sangkum Monus, a Cambodian-language newspaper which concentrates on the Khmer Krom issue, in its August 1 edition published a "Third Anniversary" proclamation from the Khmer Krom Liberation Front. /1.

In line with the KKLF's recent change of policy (A-39), the proclamation criticized the Viet Cong for killing Khmer Krom. It further claimed that the GVN is unable to guarantee the life and liberty of Khmer Krom and also kills and maltreats them. The Viet Cong and the GVN were put in the same category and charged, as Vietnamese, with systematically campaigning to exterminate the Khmer Krom. The statement said the KKLF was founded to coordinate all movements to fight such oppression through "concrete action of liberation until the final victory" (presumably the turnover of Cochin China to Cambodian control).

The Embassy has still not obtained any firm evidence linking the KKLF with the RKG. Officials at the Prime Minister's office and the Foreign Office deny any knowledge of the Front, and only Sangkum Monus (which is reportedly sponsored by FARK) carries original reports of the Front's activities.

For the Ambassador:

*Herbert Gordon*  
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First Secretary of Embassy

/1. The proclamation was reported in the press as dated August 1, 1961, although this was presumably a misprint because in 1961 and until recently (A-39) the KKLF was favorably disposed toward the Viet Cong.

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